

COMMUNIST REACTION TO TAIPEI PACT

- I. Peiping furiously denouncing US-Nationalist pact.
 - A. Main charges: US plans indefinite "occupation" Formosa; intends prevent "Chinese people" from "liberating" their own territory, which means "direct military interference" in Chinese internal affairs.
 - B. Also claim pact is "war provocation;" one of many US "acts of war" against Peiping; indication US preparations for aggression against Chinese mainland.
(Peiping refuses admit pact is purely defensive.)
- II. Chinese Commies emphasize US "responsibility": "both Moscow and Peiping claim US action is war threat.

A. Chou En-lai, in 6 Dec aside during

speech at Finnish embassy reception:

"US measures to intensify war preparations in West and East...have created danger of a new war."

B. Chou (8 Dec): pact is "grave warlike provocation," and if US "persists in interfering in China's internal affairs, it must take upon itself all the grave consequences."

C. Pravda (5 Dec): "In Asia, as in Europe, US imperialists following dangerous path of provocations which intensify menace of new world war."

III. Communist comment includes emphatic reaffirmations Peiping's intent "liberate" Formosa despite US.

A. Pravda (5 Dec): repeats Chinese press assertion Chinese people "sufficiently powerful to liberate Formosa," also says US should give "serious consideration"

B. Chou (8 Dec): Chinese "determined to

liberate" Formosa and "will never buy
peace with their own territory and
sovereignty."

C. However, both parties careful not to
set any deadline for Formosa's
"liberation."

D. Peiping appears still to believe that
further preparations necessary before
operation feasible.

E. We do not expect Chinese Communists
will attempt invasion Formosa this
winter, although nuisance air raids
possible.